

February 3, 2005

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, President. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Councilmember Ron Roberts	President
Councilmember Toni Young	1st Vice President
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia	Chair TCC
Councilmember Margaret Clark	Chair, EEC

Committee Members Not Present

Councilmember Richard Dixon	Chair, Admin Committee
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	Chair, CEHD

Others Present

Councilmember Robin Lowe,	RC Member
Councilmember Sid Tyler	RC Member

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Roberts

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Approval of January 6, 2005 Minutes

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Roberts) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.2 Goods Movement Initiatives

Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy, reported that the white paper was reviewed by the Goods Movement Advisory Committee, Stakeholders, CEOs, the Ports as well as other entities that deal with goods movement.

He stated that the paper covers short term and long term measures for goods movements. The paper also addresses some financing mechanisms, institutional challenges, mitigation and how to address mitigating these measures.

It was noted that the Regional Council members would be briefed on the white paper, as well as information addressing the areas of air quality and environmental.

3.1.3 Consensus Trip to Washington D.C.

Don Rhodes gave a brief overview of the schedule for the consensus trip. Last month Mr. Pisano presented a brief overview and update on the consensus trip scheduled for February 16 & 17 in Washington, D.C., whereby SCAG will join the chairs and CEOs of LAMTA, OCTA, VCTC, RCTC, SANBAG, Imperial County and Metrolink to advocate on behalf of the Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-21 Reauthorization.

Mr. Rhodes stated that the consensus trip planning is in its final stages. Staff will ask the RC to approve \$1500 for lamination of the programs for the trip.

3.1.4 State Lobbyist Report

Paul Bauer, SCAG's State Lobbyist, reported that the Governor proposed once again to suspend Prop 42 dollars. The Governor proposes to pay back the funds over 15 years. Mark Pisano and Paul Bauer met with Finance Director Tom Campbell, in which it was indicated that if funds are to be suspended the state must pay for the costs of borrowing funds. The Legislature is examining ways to pay from Prop 42 and SCAG is in support of those efforts as well as any solutions that keeps funds flowing to Southern California.

Mr. Bauer also stated that the Governor's Budget includes a proposal entitled "GO California" which reflects the proposals Mr. Pisano and Mr. Bauer have been working on behalf of SCAG.

Secretary Sunne McPeak has been engaged in the dialogue and her efforts are borne out in the proposed budget. These proposals involve design-build and public private partnerships for project delivery. The Legislature is very interested in these proposals.

Mr. Bauer also reported on a meeting with Assembly Member Fabian Nunez in which he was interested in discussing the innovative solutions with members of the Assembly Leadership Team. Mr. Bauer stated that SCAG's white paper on Goods Movement is in demand in Sacramento.

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano met with Roberta Burns, CEO Imperial County as well attending the IVAG Management meeting in El Centro regarding discussions of MPO designations and costs associated with it. In addition, Jim Gosnell attended the IVAG General Assembly.

Mr. Pisano also reported that staff continues to collaborate with other stakeholders on critical goods movement issues. SCAG elected officials have been briefed on the Goods Movement White Paper prepared for Business, Transportation and Housing Secretary Sunne McPeak, who is currently conducting follow-up meetings with the Principals. Staff is also working with the goods movement principals from the public and private sector to develop a consensus on issues such as accelerating environmental reviews and identifying key infrastructure projects. He noted that SCAG will host a Goods Movement Executive Stakeholder Roundtable on February 7, 2005.

5.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

5.1 Closed Session

There was no closed session held.

- Deanna Wetherbee-Distel et al. vs. Miguel Leon Martin et al.; Southern California Association of Governments; Riverside Transit Agency; Western Municipal Water District-Claim for Injuries/Wrongful Death Claim; Case Number: RIC 417340
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation, pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code Section 54956.9
- Morrison v. SCAG
Morrison v. Southern California Association of Governments et al. Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 312066
Conference with Legal Counsel Government Code section 54956.9(a)

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2005 at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director